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that the allegations also were not true, Government, however, were not satisfied with the report and have forwarded the petition to the Commissioner, Ootacamund, for further enquiry. His report is awaited."

Rickshaws.

* 211 Q.—SRI S. B. ADITYAN: Will the Hon. the Home Minister be pleased to state—

(a) the number of rickshaws plying for hire in the City of Madras;

(b) the number of private rickshaws in the Madras City;

(c) the number of rickshaws in other municipal towns (town-war);

(d) whether the Government propose to abolish rickshaws; and

(e) if so, what steps have been taken to that end?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" (a) & (b) The number of rickshaws plying for hire in the Madras City is 5,000 and the number of privately owned rickshaws is 700. These figures exclude 1,000 rickshaws which are running in the newly included areas of the City and which have not yet been registered.

" (c)

Name of municipal town and district.	*Number of rickshaws plying for hire.*
North Arcot district—	
Vellore	99
South Arcot district—	
Cuddalore	81
Villupuram	61
Chingleput district—	
Chingleput	2
Conjeeveram	47
Godavari, East district—	
Cocanada	428
Rajahmundry	230
Godavari, West district—	
Ellore	169
Palacole	10
Guntur district—	
Guntur	904
Tenali	167
Kistna district—	
Bezwada	1,075
Bandar	106
Madura district—	
Madura	76

Name of municipal town and district.	Number of rickshaws plying for hire.
Malabar district—	
Cochin	96
Tellicherry	80
Cannanore	2
Calicut	508
Palghat	25
Nellore district—	
Nellore	408
The Nilgiris—	
Ootacamund	8
Coonoor	8
Trichinopoly district—	
Trichinopoly	3
Vizagapatam district—	
Vizagapatam	680

NOTE.—Rickshaws are not plying in any other municipal towns in these districts. There are no rickshaws plying in the districts of Anantapur, Bellary, Chittoor, Coimbatore, Cuddapah, Kurnool, Ramnad, Salem, Tanjore, South Kanara and Tinnevelly.

"(d) & (e) *Madras City*.—Government are of the opinion that rickshaws plying for hire in the *Madras City* should be eliminated gradually. The Commissioner of Police has been asked to register up to a maximum of 6,000 rickshaws for 1947–48 for the City, including the areas newly added, and to reduce the number by 1,250 with effect from 1st April 1948. After watching the reactions of the public as a result of this step, the Government will decide the future policy. In the meantime, the Government are undertaking legislation to make provision in the Hackney Carriage Act, empowering the Commissioner to refuse licence altogether to vehicles of particular descriptions.

Mufassal.—Government propose to take up for consideration the question of abolishing rickshaws in the mufassal as soon as petrol rationing is removed and cars become cheaper."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—"May I know when were these rickshaws introduced in the mufassal?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"The practice seems to have been common in the towns I have mentioned for the past ten years."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—"Is there any proposal to introduce cycle rickshaws in their place?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I don't know whether the hon. Member has ever travelled in a cycle rickshaw (laughter); neither have I done it. I thought to pedal and carry the load is much more troublesome than to drag a rickshaw."

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SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—"I have travelled in the cycle rickshaw in many of the Far Eastern countries like Malaya and Java; I found them definitely better and easier to pedal than to pull which is the case with the ordinary rickshaws. Will the Government introduce them here also."

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Having not much of personal experience in cycle rickshaws I am not in a position to give any definite answer. All I can say is, the Government are considering the question of abolishing rickshaws altogether, and it is with that view we are reducing their number by 1,250 and see what could be done. For instance Government have under consideration whether tonga could not be gradually substituted for rickshaws."

Payment of increased salaries to teachers in aided schools.

* 212 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that in many aided schools the managements have not been able to give the increased salaries to teachers prescribed in the recent Government Order;

(b) if so, what action the Government propose to take to enforce their orders;

(c) whether managements have represented that they would be forced to close down schools if the Government insisted upon payment of increased scales of salary; and

(d) whether the Government have under consideration the question of paying enhanced grants to enable the managements to pay increased rates of salary?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI (on behalf of Hon. Minister for Education) :—"(a) Yes.

"(b) to (d) Some managements have represented that they are unable to pay the amount expected to be paid by them under the Government Order. The matter is under consideration."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I know whether the Government will expedite their orders to see that what is generously offered by the Government is really given to those who deserve?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—"The matter is actively under consideration; but the difficulty of the management is there, which has to be looked into."

Compulsory extra payment of Rs. 5 to teachers in aided schools.

* 213 Q.—SRI A. GOVINDACHARYULU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that by a recent Government Order the Government made it compulsory on the part of the management to pay Rs. 5 per mensem to every teacher employed in aided elementary schools;